TO: Board of Education
Dr. Lisa Leali, Superintendent

FROM: Jay Kahn, Chief School Business Official

DATE: October 20, 2026

RE: School Maintenance Grant – LBES Parking Lot

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chief School Business Official to submit, an application for a School Maintenance Project Grant in the amount of $50,000 and reserve local funds in the amount of $50,000 to meet the matching requirement. The grant will fund the parking lot replacement at Lake Bluff Elementary School.

Background

The 2025 facility assessment conducted by Wight & Co. identified the elementary parking lot as in fair condition and near the end of its useful life with 3-5 years remaining. Due to its condition, the maintenance costs of annual patching are increasing and the stone drainage areas are becoming unsightly. The replacement cost listed in the assessment for a full depth asphalt replacement was $650,000, however with escalation and high oil prices, the costs may be substantially higher.

Current Situation

Approval to apply for the grant will enable Wight & Co. to design and cost out several options with varying degrees of asphalt and brick pavers. The project could take place as early as next summer, but no later than the summer of 2028

Tonight's approval is for the grant application only.